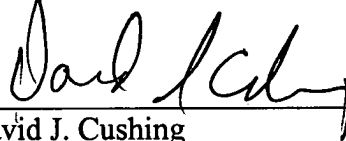


" PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
Attorney Docket Q65519

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



David J. Cushing
Registration No. 28,703

SUGHRUE, MION, ZINN,
MACPEAK & SEAS, PLLC
2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20037-3213
Telephone: (202) 293-7060
Facsimile: (202) 293-7860

Date: July 25, 2001

2001 JUL 25 10 29 AM

APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

5. (Amended)A method according to ~~any of claims 2 to 4~~claim 2, wherein the additional step is provided of calculating the possible differences between the concatenation byte value of the reference frame and the concatenation byte value of the remaining n-1 frames, multiplying such possible differences by the frame period T and adding the value obtained to the respective time differences t.